



Next week- Week 2/B

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Safeguarding

Please find an informative [leaflet](#) that provides guidance to parents regarding preventing extremism and radicalisation in young people.

Year 11 Raising Achievement

We continue to see record numbers attending our 6 sessions which run Monday-Thursday 3.30-4pm in the LRC. These sessions are providing students with a dedicated, highly focused study environment. Students continue to be reminded about the importance of starting revision now and developing good study habits. Repetition (revision cards) and examples (practice papers) are key messages being communicated with students.

I-card leaderboard

1. Kai W - x6 i-cards
2. Zara H - x5 i-cards
3. Lewis D - x5 i-cards
4. Iris B - x5 i-cards
5. Emily J - x5 i-cards

Session 6 Leaderboard

1. Nicole B - 12 sessions
2. Lauren L - 11 Sessions
3. Isla L-M - 11 Sessions
4. Bobby M-C - 11 sessions
5. Soraya A/Iris B/Joseph R - 10 Sessions

Character Programme

This week saw the introduction of some new graphics to display our school values across the school; below are some images of the graphics displayed throughout corridors in the school. These are designed to be highly visual so that students are encouraged to act with integrity, inclusivity and independence. This week we continued our work around inclusivity in both tutors time and assemblies.



Key Dates

- **6 Oct: Inset Day; school closed to students**
- 11 Oct: Y9 Parents' Information and Support Evening
- 12 Oct: Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 19 Oct: Y11 Into The Sixth Evening
- 23 Oct: Half Term

Communications

- [Y9 Parent Information Evening Invitation Letter](#)
- [Y11 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 3

Vacancies:

- [Teacher of Science](#)
- [Teacher of PE](#)
- [Teacher of A Level Maths & Economics](#)
- [Teacher of English](#)
- [Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics](#)
- [Spanish Foreign Language Assistant](#)

Music Lessons

Lesson timetables can be found on Google Classroom (code nq4d5yw) and on the notice board in the Music Block.

If you wish to register for instrument lessons please go to [HMS Music Lessons](#). Please note as per HMS' Terms and Conditions if you wish to withdraw from lessons or make any changes effective from Thursday 4th January 2024, this must be done in writing to SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertf

Student Achievement

Well done to Nathan W, Y9, who has raised £250 for MacMillan cancer support selling homemade cakes on his market stall. Look out for him at the Ashlyns Craft Fair and Festival of Lights.

Careers

Generation Dacorum Careers Fair

Some of our Year 11 students visited the Generation Dacorum Careers Fair last week at Shendish Manor. The careers fair shines a spotlight on local job, apprenticeship and training opportunities, giving our students the chance to discover the wide range of opportunities available to them as they plan their next steps for the future. Our students were a credit to the school engaging with the variety of Hertfordshire's major industries that were offering encounters - over 40 leading employers supported the event, including engineering firms AECOM and Atlas Copco, life-sciences giant GSK, retailer Robert Dyas, construction firm BAM, manufacturing firm SWR Group and leading film producers Warner Bros. Studios, among others.

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust invites you to ... Discover careers in the Allied Health Professions: Thursday 2 November

Allied Health Professions (AHPs) are the third largest workforce in the NHS alongside doctors and nurses. Explore 14 professions whose unique skills and expertise play a crucial role in providing patient care. Particular focus on: physiotherapist, operating department practitioner (ODP), dietitian, music therapist, occupational therapist, orthoptist, podiatrist, radiographer, speech & language therapist.

- **Who:** Students in Years 8 and above
- **Where:** In person career talk at the Sir Henry Floyd Building lecture theatre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
- **When:** 5 - 7pm (registration from 4.45pm), Thursday 2 November 2023
- [Click to book your free ticket on Eventbrite](#)

Equipment

Please remind your child to come to school with everything they need for the day including a fully charged Chromebook.

Sports Results

U16 Girls Football vs Vyners	Lost 2-1
U18 Girls Football vs Chesham Grammar	Lost -21
Wamba Cup	Y13 won on penalties
Y9B Boys Football vs Dr Challoner's	Lost 3-2
U13 Girls Football tournament	2nd

ordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 9th OCTOBER.**

Any other queries regarding music lessons please email Mrs Marval at musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Berkhamsted Rotary Club Fireworks

Berkhamsted fireworks, Saturday 4th November at Berkhamsted Cricket Club. Tickets are available to buy from School Reception. Please click [here](#) for more details.

ASA News

ASA AGM – 17 October 7pm at school in the Boardroom (first floor). All are welcome.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - years 7 & 8 - Monday 30 October 7.00 - 8.30

Entrance is £5 including a drink and snack. Fancy dress prizes & a spooky sweet stall. Tickets on ParentPay now. Please email asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk to volunteer help on the night or if you can't use ParentPay.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Connecting With Our
Children While Living High-
Stress Lifestyles



Wednesday Wisdom: Let's
Connect

This week at Tooled Up, we're thinking about connection, reflecting on and maintaining the healthy and supportive relationships that make families work. Whatever the age of your child, our resources can support you in maintaining such a connection to your children.

Having an open conversation about *how you are doing* as a family unit can help democratise family life, encourage openness, reflection, action and deepen connections.

Family Audit Activities

Our audit activities for families with [younger children](#) and with [older children](#) provide a helpful and supportive framework for reflecting what is working well in our family lives, and what can be improved.

[Let's Connect Activity](#)

This activity for children and parents encourages a conversation about the different connections we make every day, and how to make our interactions richer and more meaningful.

[Connecting With Our Children Whilst Living High Stress Lifestyles](#)

In this webinar, we talk to psychiatrist and parent coach, Dr Gauri Seth, about how we can sustain emotionally deep and meaningful connections with our children whilst living very busy, stressful lives!

[Separation Anxiety In Pre-Adolescent Children](#)

Is your child struggling to say goodbye to you? Is this point of 'disconnect' causing distress? Psychological wellbeing practitioner Chloe Chessell suggests techniques parents can use to reduce and manage separation anxiety.

Have you or your child experienced estrangement? One in four adults will experience this in their lifetime. This previous edition of [Wednesday Wisdom](#) contains some interesting research on family estrangement by Dr Lucy Blake and other tips for connecting to nature and the outdoors.